

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claim 1. *(Original)* A display system for suspending visuals for exhibit, training or advertising, comprising in combination:

a first and second cord, each of said cords having a first end and a second end;

an upper tubular member being substantially cylindrical in shape and having a first end, a second end, a first aperture, a second aperture and a slot extending from said first end to said second end;

a lower tubular member being substantially cylindrical in shape and having a first end, a second end, a first aperture, a second aperture and a slot extending from said first end to said second end;

a first and second cord lock member;

a first and second upper cord hook member;

a first and second lower cord hook member;

a first and second floor anchor member;

wherein said first end of said first cord is secured to said first lower cord hook member with said first lower cord hook member being hooked to said first floor anchor member and said second end of said first cord is secured to said first upper cord hook member; said first cord extending up from said first floor anchor member through said

first cord lock member, through said first aperture in said lower tubular member, through said first aperture in said upper tubular member, and to said first upper cord hook member; and

wherein said first end of said second cord is secured to said second lower cord hook member with said second lower cord hook member being hooked to said second floor anchor member and said second end of said second cord is secured to said second upper cord hook member; said second cord extending up from said second floor anchor member through said second cord lock member, through said second aperture in said lower tubular member, through said second aperture in said upper tubular member, and to said second upper cord hook member;

whereby, when a flat substantially rigid and substantially rectangular display article is situated with its bottom edge positioned in said slot in said lower tubular member and its top edge positioned in said slot in said upper tubular member, the display article is suspended for viewing.

Claim 2. *(Original)* The display system for suspending visuals for exhibit, training or advertising according to claim 1, further comprising:

a ceiling interface member having an elongated member disposed horizontally, two grid hooks extending upward from said elongated member, and a first and second loop extending downward from said elongated member;

wherein each of said grid hooks is configured and dimensioned to hook onto a light grid and each of said loops is configured and dimensioned to support attachment thereto by one of said upper cord hook members;

whereby, when said grid hooks are hooked onto a light grid and when said first upper cord hook member is attached to said first loop and said second upper cord hook member is attached to said second loop, the display article is suspended for viewing.

Claim 3. *(Original)* The display system for suspending visuals for exhibit, training or advertising according to claim 1, further comprising:

at least one additional upper tubular member; each of said additional upper tubular members being substantially cylindrical in shape and having a first end, a second end, a first aperture, a second aperture and a slot extending from said first end to said second end;

at least one additional lower tubular member; each of said additional lower tubular members being substantially cylindrical in shape and having a first end, a second

end, a first aperture, a second aperture and a slot extending from said first end to said second end; and

at least two additional cord lock members;

wherein said first cord passes through said first aperture in each of said additional upper tubular members and through said first aperture in each of said additional lower tubular members, and one of said additional cord lock members is positioned below each additional lower tubular member on said first cord;

wherein said second cord passes through said second aperture in each of said additional upper tubular members and through said second aperture in each of said additional lower tubular members, and one of said additional cord lock members is positioned below each additional lower tubular member on said second cord;

whereby, for each pair of an additional upper tubular member and an additional lower tubular member, when an additional flat substantially rigid and substantially rectangular display article is situated with its bottom edge positioned in said slot in said additional lower tubular member and its top edge positioned in said slot in said additional upper tubular member, the additional display article is suspended for viewing.

Claim 4. *(Original)* The display system for suspending visuals for exhibit, training or advertising according to claim 1, further comprising:

an upper rod-supporting tubular member being substantially cylindrical in shape and having a first end, a second end, a first aperture, a second aperture and an elongated cavity extending from said first end to said second end;

an upper rod passing through said elongated cavity in said upper rod-supporting tubular member; said rod being longer than said upper rod-supporting tubular member and portions of said rod extending outside of said first and second ends of said upper rod-supporting tubular member;

a lower rod-supporting tubular member being substantially cylindrical in shape and having a first end, a second end, a first aperture, a second aperture and an elongated cavity extending from said first end to said second end;

a lower rod passing through said elongated cavity in said lower rod-supporting tubular member; said rod being longer than said lower rod-supporting tubular member and portions of said rod extending outside of said first and second ends of said lower rod-supporting tubular member;

a plurality of banner clips shaped and configured to secure a banner to said upper and lower rods; and

two additional cord lock members;

wherein said first cord passes through said first aperture in said upper rod-supporting tubular member and through said first aperture in said lower rod-supporting

tubular member, and one of said additional cord lock members is positioned on said first cord below said upper rod-supporting tubular member; and

wherein said second cord passes through said second aperture in said upper rod-supporting tubular member and through said second aperture in said lower rod-supporting tubular member, and one of said additional cord lock members is positioned on said second cord below said upper rod-supporting tubular member;

whereby, when a banner is situated with its top edge secured to said upper rod by a plurality of said banner clips and its bottom edge secured to said lower rod by a plurality of said banner clips, the banner is suspended for viewing.

Claim 5. (*Currently Amended*) A display system for suspending visuals for exhibit, training or advertising, comprising in combination:

a first and second cord, each of said cords having a first end and a second end;

an upper rod-supporting tubular member being substantially cylindrical in shape and having a first end, a second end, a first aperture, a second aperture and an elongated cavity extending from said first end to said second end;

an upper rod passing through said elongated cavity in said upper rod-supporting tubular member; said rod being longer than said upper rod-supporting tubular member and portions of said rod extending outside of said first and second ends of said upper rod-supporting tubular member;

a lower rod-supporting tubular member being substantially cylindrical in shape and having a first end, a second end, a first aperture, a second aperture and an elongated cavity extending from said first end to said second end;

a lower rod passing through said elongated cavity in said lower rod-supporting tubular member; said rod being longer than said lower rod-supporting tubular member and portions of said rod extending outside of said first and second ends of said lower rod-supporting tubular member;

a plurality of banner clips shaped and configured to secure a banner to said upper and lower rods;

a first and second cord lock member;

a first and second upper [[cork]] cord hook member;

a first and second lower [[cork]] cord hook member;

a first and second floor anchor member;

wherein said first end of said first cord is secured to said first lower cord hook member with said first lower cord hook member being hooked to said first floor anchor member and said second end of said first cord is secured to said first upper cord hook member; said first cord extending up from said first floor anchor member through said first aperture in said lower rod-supporting tubular member, through said first cord lock member, through said first aperture in said upper rod-supporting tubular member, and to said first upper cord hook member; and

wherein said first end of said second cord is secured to said second lower cord hook member with said second lower cord hook member being hooked to said second floor anchor member and said second end of said second cord is secured to said second upper cord hook member; said second cord extending up from said second floor anchor member through said second aperture in said lower rod-supporting tubular member, through said second cord lock member, through said second aperture in said upper rod-supporting tubular member, and to said second upper cord hook member; and

whereby, when a banner is situated with its top edge secured to said upper rod by a plurality of said banner clips and its bottom edge secured to said lower rod by a plurality of said banner clips, the banner is suspended for viewing.

Claim 6. *(Original)* The display system for suspending visuals for exhibit, training or advertising according to claim 5, further comprising:

a ceiling interface member having an elongated member disposed horizontally, two grid hooks extending upward from said elongated member, and a first and second loop extending downward from said elongated member;

wherein each of said grid hooks is configured and dimensioned to hook onto a light grid and each of said loops is configured and dimensioned to support attachment thereto by one of said upper cord hook members;



whereby, when said grid hooks are hooked onto a light grid and when said first upper cord hook member is attached to said first loop and said second upper cord hook member is attached to said second loop, the banner is suspended for viewing.

Claim 7. *(Original)* The display system for suspending visuals for exhibit, training or advertising according to claim 5, further comprising:

at least one additional upper rod-supporting tubular member; each of said additional upper rod-supporting tubular members being substantially cylindrical in shape and having a first end, a second end, a first aperture, a second aperture and an elongated cavity extending from said first end to said second end;

an upper rod passing through said elongated cavity in each of said additional upper rod-supporting tubular members; said rod being longer than said additional upper rod-supporting tubular member and portions of said rod extending outside of said first and second ends of said additional upper rod-supporting tubular member;

at least one additional lower rod-supporting tubular member; each of said additional lower rod-supporting tubular members being substantially cylindrical in shape and having a first end, a second end, a first aperture, a second aperture and an elongated cavity extending from said first end to said second end;

a lower rod passing through said elongated cavity in each of said additional lower rod-supporting tubular members; said rod being longer than said additional lower rod-

supporting tubular member and portions of said rod extending outside of said first and second ends of said additional lower rod-supporting tubular member;

at least two additional cord lock members;

wherein said first cord passes through said first aperture in each of said additional upper rod-supporting tubular members and through said first aperture in each of said additional lower rod-supporting tubular members, and one of said additional cord lock members is positioned below each additional upper rod-supporting tubular member on said first cord; and

wherein said second cord passes through said second aperture in each of said additional upper rod-supporting tubular members and through said second aperture in each of said additional lower rod-supporting tubular members, and one of said additional cord lock members is positioned below each additional upper rod-supporting tubular member on said second cord;

whereby, for each pair of an additional upper rod-supporting tubular member and an additional lower rod-supporting tubular member, when an additional banner is situated with its top edge secured to said upper rod of said additional upper rod-supporting tubular member by a plurality of said banner clips and its bottom edge secured to said lower rod of said additional lower rod-supporting member by a plurality of said banner clips, the additional banner is suspended for viewing.

Claim 8. *(Original)* The display system for suspending visuals for exhibit, training or advertising according to claim 5, further comprising:

an upper tubular member being substantially cylindrical in shape and having a first end, a second end, a first aperture, a second aperture and a slot extending from said first end to said second end;

a lower tubular member being substantially cylindrical in shape and having a first end, a second end, a first aperture, a second aperture and a slot extending from said first end to said second end; and

two additional cord lock members;

wherein said first cord passes through said first aperture in said upper tubular member and through said first aperture in said lower tubular member, and one of said additional cord lock members is positioned on said first cord below said lower tubular member;

wherein said second cord passes through said second aperture in said upper tubular member and through said second aperture in said lower tubular member, and one of said additional cord lock members is positioned on said second cord below said lower tubular member;

whereby, when a flat substantially rigid and substantially rectangular display article is situated with its bottom edge positioned in said slot in said lower tubular member and its top edge positioned in said slot in said upper tubular member, the display article is suspended for viewing.

Claim 9. (*Currently Amended*) A display system for suspending visuals for exhibit, training or advertising, comprising in combination:

a first and second cord, each of said cords having a first end and a second end;

a first and second upper tubular member; each of said upper tubular members being substantially cylindrical in shape and having a first end, a second end and an aperture;

a first and second lower tubular member; each of said lower tubular members being substantially cylindrical in shape and having a first end, a second end and an aperture;

a first and second cord lock member;

a first and second upper [[cork]] cord hook member;

a first and second lower [[cork]] cord hook member;

a first and second floor anchor member; and

means for securing an edge of a display article to a tubular member;

wherein said first end of said first cord is secured to said first lower cord hook member with said first lower cord hook member being hooked to said first floor anchor member and said second end of said first cord is secured to said first upper cord hook member; said first cord passing through said first cord lock member, through said aperture in said first lower tubular member, and through said aperture in said first upper tubular member; and

wherein said first end of said second cord is secured to said second lower cord hook member with said second lower cord hook member being hooked to said second floor anchor member and said second end of said second cord is secured to said second upper cord hook member; said second cord passing through said second cord lock member, through said aperture in said second lower tubular member, and through said aperture in said second upper tubular member;

whereby, when said first and second upper tubular members are secured to the top edge of a flat substantially rectangular display article by said means for securing an edge of a display article to a tubular member, and said first and second lower tubular members are secured to the bottom edge of the display article by said means for securing an edge of a display article to a tubular member, the display article is suspended for viewing.

Claim 10. *(Original)* The display system for suspending visuals for exhibit, training or advertising according to claim 9, wherein:

said means for securing an edge of a display article to a tubular member is a slot in each of said upper and lower tubular members;

said slot extending from said first end to said second end of each of said upper and lower tubular members;

whereby, when said first and second upper tubular members are secured to the top edge of a flat substantially rigid and substantially rectangular display article by

positioning a portion of the top edge of the display article in said slot in said first and second upper tubular members, and said first and second lower tubular members are secured to the bottom edge of the display article by positioning a portion of the bottom edge of the display article in said slot in said first and second lower tubular members, the display article is suspended for viewing.

Claim 11. *(Original)* The display system for suspending visuals for exhibit, training or advertising according to claim 9, wherein:

each of said first and second upper tubular members and said first and second lower tubular members has an elongated cavity extending from said first end to said second end; and

said means for securing an edge of a display article to a tubular member is an upper and lower elongated rod and a plurality of banner clips; said upper elongated rod passing through said cavity in each of said first and second upper tubular members, and said lower elongated rod passing through said cavity in each of said first and second lower tubular members;

whereby, when a banner is situated with its top edge secured to said upper rod by a plurality of said banner clips and its bottom edge secured to said lower rod by a plurality of said banner clips, the banner is suspended for viewing.

Claim 12. *(Original)* The display system for suspending visuals for exhibit, training or advertising according to claim 9, further comprising:

a ceiling interface member having an elongated member disposed horizontally, two grid hooks extending upward from said elongated member, and a first and second loop extending downward from said elongated member;

wherein each of said grid hooks is configured and dimensioned to hook onto a light grid and each of said loops is configured and dimensioned to support attachment thereto by one of said upper cord hook members;

whereby, when said grid hooks are hooked onto a light grid and when said first upper cord hook member is attached to said first loop and said second upper cord hook member is attached to said second loop, the display article is suspended for viewing.

Claim 13. *(Original)* The display system for suspending visuals for exhibit, training or advertising according to claim 9, further comprising:

at least one pair of additional upper tubular members; each of said additional upper tubular members being substantially cylindrical in shape and having a first end, a second end and an aperture;

at least one pair of additional lower tubular members; each of said additional lower tubular members being substantially cylindrical in shape and having a first end, a second end and an aperture; and

at least two additional cord lock members;

wherein said first cord passes through said aperture in one of said additional upper tubular members for each pair of said additional upper tubular members, through said aperture in one of said additional lower tubular members for each pair of said additional lower tubular members, and through one of said additional cord lock members for each pair of additional cord lock members;

wherein said second cord passes through said aperture in one of said additional upper tubular members for each pair of additional upper tubular members, through said aperture in one of said additional lower tubular members for each pair of additional lower tubular members, and through one of said additional cord lock members for each pair of additional cord lock members;



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whereby, for each set of a pair of additional upper tubular member and a pair of additional lower tubular member, when said first and second upper tubular members are secured to the top edge of a flat substantially rectangular display article by said means for securing an edge of a display article to a tubular member, and said first and second lower tubular members are secured to the bottom edge of the display article by said means for securing an edge of a display article to a tubular member, the display article is suspended for viewing.